

In the claims, please amend the claims to the following:

1.(currently amended)      A concrete base pole, comprising:  
a tubular shaped concrete body, defining an elongated direction and  
having an outer surface with a circular cross-section in its lower portion;  
inner and outer reinforcing cages embedded within said concrete base,  
each of said reinforcing cages including strands extending in the elongated direction of  
the concrete body and including a spiral reinforcement tied to said its respective  
strands.

2.(original)      A concrete base pole as recited in claim 1, wherein each of said  
spiral reinforcements surrounds the respective strands to which it is tied.

3.(original)      A concrete base pole as recited in claim 1, wherein at least some  
of said strands are pretensioned.

4.(original)      A concrete base pole as recited in claim 3, wherein said concrete  
body defines an upper end and a lower end, and wherein some of said strands are  
encased in a sleeve in said upper end, are embedded in said concrete below said  
sleeve, extend through an upper bearing plate, and are post-tensioned.

5.(original) A concrete base pole as recited in claim 4, wherein the upper portion of said concrete body has a polygonal shaped cross section.

6.(original) A concrete base pole as recited in claim 5, wherein each of said spiral reinforcements surrounds the respective strands to which it is tied.

7.(original) A concrete base pole as recited in claim 6, and further comprising a polygonal shaped cross section metal upper pole telescopically mounted over the correspondingly-shaped upper portion of said concrete base.

8.(original) A concrete base pole as recited in claim 7, wherein the upper portion of said base pole and the lower portion of said upper pole are tapered so that, as the upper pole is lowered onto the base pole, it reaches a position in which there is a tight fit between the upper and base poles.

9.(original) A concrete base pole as recited in claim 1, wherein said inner and outer cages are coaxial.

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20.(original) A method for forming a concrete pole, comprising the steps of:

placing a plurality of first elongated reinforcing strands into a mold defining an upper end and a lower end and an axis, and tying said first elongated reinforcing strands to a first spiral strand surrounding the first elongated reinforcing strands;  
inserting a first charge of wet concrete into said mold;  
spinning said mold about its axis, thereby slinging said concrete outwardly to form a compact outer wall with a hollow interior;  
stopping the spinning and measuring the wall thickness;  
adding additional wet concrete into said hollow interior; and  
spinning said mold about its axis again.

21.(original) A method for forming a concrete pole as recited in claim 20, and further comprising the step of placing a plurality of second elongated reinforcing strands into said mold outside the first plurality of strands and tying said second elongated reinforcing strands to a second spiral strand surrounding the second elongated reinforcing strands prior to inserting said first charge of wet concrete into said mold.

22.(original) A method for forming a concrete pole as recited in claim 22, and further comprising the step of tensioning some of said strands prior to spinning said mold.

23.(original) A method for forming a concrete pole as recited in claim 22, and

further comprising the steps of encasing some of said elongated strands in casings for part of their length adjacent to the upper end of the mold prior to inserting the wet concrete; allowing said wet concrete to dry after said spinning again; and tensioning said encased elongated strands after said wet concrete has dried.

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Respectfully submitted,

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